

## Dear Neighbour,

It is an honour and privilege to continue to represent your interests as the Councillor for the Ward 1 Community. This year again, has been a challenge for us all. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of our lives as we navigate through these taxing times.

Throughout the year, with the Region of Peel and the City of Mississauga, I continue to work on your behalf regarding matters that deal directly and indirectly with the pandemic.

I worked collaboratively on a variety of initiatives including bringing back some family-friendly and physically distanced events in the Ward, such as Classic Car Thursdays with the Port Credit BIA, a live music initiative called Sunset, Sunflowers and Sounds in Lakeview, and Drive-In Movies at Dixie Value Mall.

We continue to push for reductions in speed limits in local neighbourhoods from 50km to 40km across the Ward. I have put forward a motion that Council ask the province to enact further amendments to the Highway Traffic Act to directly target loud and modified exhaust systems.



The Ward 1 Council Office Team is Angie Dell as Executive Assistant, and Jessica Figueiredo as Administrative Assistant. We are working on your behalf in the community and look forward to continuing to serve your needs.

As always, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Our motto has always been "Our community is our home".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Dasko".

Stephen Dasko

## Revitalization of Serson creek

Over the past 40 years, Serson creek has been piped through the GE Booth Wastewater Treatment property. But that will soon change. As part of the Jim Tovey Conservation re-naturalization, Lakeview Development master plan and the GE Booth future growth plans, Serson creek flow will be permanently diverted into an open natural channel, as seen in the image to the right.

This work is a collaborative effort by:

- Region of Peel,
- City of Mississauga,
- Lakeview Community Partners,
- Credit Valley Conservation, and
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

The group has worked jointly on this important project and has completed the design work. Once permits are approved, the Lakeview Community Partners will begin work by replacing a watermain that runs under Serson creek.

The new watermain will be put at a lower depth to allow the creek channel to be altered and then the flow will be permanently diverted into the open natural channel.

Serson creek will then become part of the re-naturalization of the Jim Tovey Conservation area and add to the natural beauty of the new Lakeview Community.

The Serson creek channel will also provide mitigation for future climate change impacts, as it's designed to accommodate the 100 years storm events so no overland flooding will occur at the wastewater plant.



# How to dispose of your Christmas Tree

Now that Christmas is coming you might be wondering how to properly dispose of real Christmas trees and seasonal wreaths, the Region has some handy tips:

- Ensure your Christmas tree is shorter than 3 m (10 ft.) for curbside collection. Trees that are taller than 3 m (10 ft.) must either be cut in half or taken to a Community Recycling Centre for disposal.
- Be sure to remove all nails, wires, tinsels and decorations, and tree stands.

- Put your tree at the curb on your scheduled tree collection day, or bring it to any of the Region's six Community Recycling Centres.
- Condominium/apartment residents should speak to their property manager regarding proper disposal options.

For tips on proper disposal, check out [peelregion.ca/waste](https://www.peelregion.ca/waste).



# Coyote awareness in Ward 1

Coyotes are common in our communities and according to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, this is largely because people feed them either intentionally or unintentionally.

## Protecting your pets from coyotes

- Keep a close eye on pets when you let them in your yard
- When walking your pet, keep them on a five-foot leash

## If you encounter a coyote

- Stay calm and wait until it goes away
- Do not turn your back or run
- If a coyote approaches, stand tall, wave your arms, clap or yell

If you see an aggressive, sick or injured coyote, call 905-896-5858. Residents can report coyote sightings by calling 3-1-1 or Animal Services at 905-615-3000.



# Councillor Dasko in the Community



A recent site visit to the G.E. Booth Waste Water Treatment Facility.



Stephen stays diligent in helping to keep the community clean.

# Dixie Road underpass update

Phase 1 of the Dixie Road work on the east side of the road is scheduled for completion this Fall 2021. This includes the sidewalk, repair of the underground water drainage system, base asphalt pavement and line markings. Some setbacks were encountered during this phase due to inclement weather conditions and permit approval delays.

Following Phase 1, Alectra Utilities will be onsite to relocate the existing aerial wires on the west right-of-way into new underground

ducts, under the west side of the roadway and install additional hydro poles on the east side of Dixie Road in the vicinity of the CNR bridge. This is tentatively scheduled for completion by early 2022.

Phase 2 will then begin, which includes all works on the west side of Dixie Road, including the sidewalk and final asphalt pavement on both sides of Dixie Road with permanent line markings. This is scheduled to be completed by early summer 2022.





# Let's make our roads more safe from speeding

Controlling vehicle speed can prevent collisions from happening and can reduce the impact when they do happen by giving people more time to stop, reducing the severity of injuries.

The Region of Peel is working with local municipalities, community groups, agencies, partner organizations and other local partners like Peel Regional Police to effectively implement Vision Zero principles into our road safety initiatives and efforts to keep all road users safe — whether you're a driver, a pedestrian or a cyclist — and reduce injuries and collisions on Peel roadways.

A number of Regional road design measures have been implemented

in addition to speed limit reviews such as:

- Expansion of the red light camera program
- Automated Speed Enforcement
- Electronic radar speed signs
- Radar speed trailers

- Traffic calming signs in the centre of the 2-lane roadways to narrow the roadway

## Vision Zero

Vision Zero is an approach to safety that seeks to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on roadways. Learn more: [peelregion.ca/VisionZero](https://peelregion.ca/VisionZero)



# Telephone Companion program for seniors

Anyone on the waitlist for the Region of Peel's Adult Day Services program can now take advantage of a telephone companion program. The program matches seniors and caregivers with volunteers for regular, friendly phone chats.

The program aims to

improve the wellbeing of seniors struggling with loneliness and isolation. Volunteers call their telephone companion at a set time to offer support, a listening ear, and meaningful conversation.

So far, the program has been well received. Clients say they look

forward to the friendly check-ins. They feel good knowing someone is taking the time to connect with them.

If you want to volunteer for the Region of Peel, visit [peelregion.ca/health/volunteer/how-volunteers-help.asp](https://peelregion.ca/health/volunteer/how-volunteers-help.asp)



# 2022 Regional budget

The 2021 Region of Peel budget focuses services and resources towards having an increased positive impact on the community. This budget balances the need to maintain services, continue the response to COVID-19 and protect the community. The Region of Peel

has continued to strive for efficiency to mitigate the increase to property tax bills.

## Community investments

The 2021 budget includes investments of \$3.7 billion to improve people's lives in their time

of need; ensure communities are integrated, safe and complete; and ensure government is future-oriented and accountable.

To learn more about the budget and community investments, go to [peelregion.ca/budget](https://peelregion.ca/budget).

# Vaccine status update in Peel

The Region of Peel and our partners continue to provide residents with vaccines as safely and as quickly as possible. Thanks to our healthcare and community partners who have helped support the rollout, we've administered over 2 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The next phase of our vaccination efforts will include increasing mobile clinics to reach areas of Peel where

vaccine uptake remains low. This phase includes continued vaccination of homebound residents and pop-up clinics at schools and other neighbourhood spaces. These efforts will continue to ensure no one gets left behind.

Find out the latest vaccine status in Peel by visiting [peelregion.ca/covid19vaccine](https://peelregion.ca/covid19vaccine)

# Your Councillor at work in the community

In addition to my daily activities as your Ward Councillor, I also represent the interests of the people in Ward 1 while being a part of over 20 City and Regional committees and working groups. Topics discussed with these groups include, safety, City and Regional finance, conservation, agriculture, and planning.

## City of Mississauga

City Council  
 Audit Committee  
 Budget Committee  
 Environmental Action Committee  
 General Committee  
 Heritage Advisory Committee  
 Road Safety Committee

Planning and Development Committee  
 Tourism Mississauga

## Region of Peel

Region of Peel Council  
 Credit Valley Conservation  
 Government Relations Committee  
 Peel Agricultural Advisory Working Group

## Also... as a Board Member

Community Living Mississauga  
 Economic Resiliency Task Force  
 Mississauga Heritage Foundation Committee  
 Mississauga Valley Lions Chapter  
 Port Credit Business Improvement Association

Port Credit Heritage Conservation District Committee  
 Safe City Mississauga



## Regional road projects – Ward 1 Mississauga Planned and/or underway

Location in Ward 1	Description	Timing
Cawthra Road – Eastgate Parkway to QEW	Road improvements	Request for proposal scheduled for fall 2021
Dixie/ CNR Bridge Repair Resurfacing of bridge	Bridges and Culverts	Construction – summer 2021
CPR-Dixie South of Dundas street	Retaining wall	Design completed. Tendered – summer 2021

## Important phone numbers

### Mississauga

Mississauga Animal Services..... 905-896-5858  
 By-law Enforcement ..... 311  
 Fire ..... 905-615-3777  
 Mississauga Property Taxes..... 311  
 Mississauga Transit ..... 905-615-4636  
 Parking Enforcement..... 905-615-4311  
 Traffic signal inquiries ..... 905-615-3022  
 Snow removal – city streets only..... 311

### Peel

Peel Public Health..... 905-799-7700  
 Peel Regional Police..... 905-453-3311  
 Recycling, garbage pick-up ..... 905-791-9499  
 Region of Peel – after hours dispatch..... 905-791-7800  
 Region of Peel water (24 hours)..... 905-791-7800  
 Region of Peel water billing..... 905-791-8711  
 Water and sewer problems..... 905-791-7800

### Other

GO Transit..... 416-869-3200  
 Poison Control Centre..... 416-813-5900

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